

Citing digital images from Web pages

If you are using the EasyBib online citation builder, select the "**Digital Image**" media type. Use the guidelines below to help you fill out the online form.

Note: If you are citing a piece of known artwork (painting or photograph), follow the directions below for **Citing known artwork**.

Provide the following information:

1. **Name of the photographer or person who created the image**, if known. [Note: In EasyBib, the box is labeled "Author," but it means the name of the person who created or took the image.]
2. **Title (or caption) of the image** – italicized. If you're using the caption and it's very long, you can just include the beginning words of it. If no title or caption is given, give a short description, but NOT written in italics. After the title/caption, write **Digital image**.
[Note: If using EasyBib, there are two separate boxes provided, one to fill in if the title is known, and the other if there is no title or caption given, so you are giving your own short description. EasyBib will apply the correct punctuation. Also, EasyBib will automatically add the "Digital image" description.]
3. **Title of Website** where image was found – italicized.
4. The **publisher** of the Website (the name of the organization), followed by a comma. (Often you'll find this at the bottom of the page, or on the site's home page.) If no publisher is given, use *N.p.* ("no publisher").
5. The **date** that the source was electronically published—or the **last update** or revision date (written in MLA style: day-month-year). If no date is given, use *n.d.* ("no date").
6. **Medium of publication** (*Web*).
7. **Date of access** (written in MLA style: day-month-year).
8. **URL** – in angle brackets, with a period at the end.

EXAMPLE: Online photo; photographer's name is unknown. The title is taken from the caption, so is italicized.

Galactic Collision. Digital image. *It's the End of the Galaxy as We Know It*. UC San Diego, n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2010. <<http://www.sdsc.edu/pub/envision/v16.1/hernquist.html>>.

EXAMPLE: Online photo. Neither a title or a caption is given, so a short description is given instead (not in italics).

Kailua Beach. Digital image. *Auntie Barbara's Vacation Rentals*. Auntie Barbara's Vacation Rentals, n.d. Web. 7 Jan. 2011. <<http://www.hawaiibjvacations.com>>.

Citing known artwork (paintings or photography) posted online

If you are using the EasyBib online citation builder, select the "**Painting**" or "**Photography**" media type. Then click on the tab called "Website," which will let you add information about the Website on which the image was posted.

Note: If you are citing artwork seen in person or in a print source rather than online, select the appropriate media type tabs in EasyBib.

Include all the information you would list for digital images (above), but also include the year that the artwork was created (if known) and the name and location of the museum or institution in which the artwork is held (if known). Do not include the **Digital image** description.

EXAMPLE: The original painting is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

Rembrandt. *The Mill*. 1650. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. *WebMuseum*. 19 Sept. 2002. Web. 21 Dec. 2010. <<http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/rembrandt/1650/>>.

Citing images from MPI online library subscription databases

IF THE DATABASE PROVIDES A CITATION FOR THE IMAGE: Copy-and-paste that citation. Some of the databases will list the title in quotation marks; if so, change the punctuation of the title to be in italics instead. Add the word **Image** after the title/caption, if the citation does not include it.

EXAMPLE: The image title was changed to being italicized instead of being in quotation marks. The word "Image" was added.

Amish Farm. Image. *Discovering Collection.* Web. 21 Dec. 2010.

EXAMPLE: The image title was changed to being italicized instead of being in quotation marks.

Fort Sumter. Image. National Archives. *American History.* ABC-CLIO, 2010. Web. 21 Dec. 2010.

IF THE DATABASE DOES NOT PROVIDE A CITATION FOR THE IMAGE: List the title or caption of the picture (in italics) followed by the word **Image**. (You can shorten long captions.) After that, copy-and paste the full citation for the article in which the picture was placed.

EXAMPLE: Start the citation with the caption of the picture and the word "Image." After that, copy-and-paste the full citation for the article.

Actor George C. Scott in Patton. Image. Munday, Lisa. "Film and War." *Encyclopedia of War and American Society.* Ed. Peter Karsten. Vol. 1. Thousand Oaks: Sage Reference, 2005. 279-287. *Gale Virtual Reference Library.* Web. 21 Dec. 2010.

Note: URLs are not needed for library database citations.

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